

**IFB NO. 025-013**

**CONSTRUCTION OF THE ALEXANDRIA STATION  
IMPROVEMENTS AND KING STREET AND  
COMMONWEALTH AVENUE BRIDGE  
REPLACEMENT PROJECT**

**Pre-Bid Meeting Presentation**

**July 8, 2025**



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# AGENDA



**Introductions**



**Safety Briefing**



**Overview of  
Procurement  
Schedule &  
Requirements**



**Scope of Work  
Overview**



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# VRE TEAM

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  - Contracts Administrator, Purchasing and Contract Administration
- Jason Bortz
  - Project Manager
- Kip Foster
  - Deputy Project Manager





# BRIEFING



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# DISCLAIMER

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The information contained in this presentation is for informational purposes only.

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All in the event of a discrepancy between the information contained herein and the IFB documents, the IFB documents will take precedence.



# VRE POINT OF CONTACT

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Bidders are cautioned not to contact any VRE personnel (except the Contract Administrator or other Purchasing and Contract Administration staff) as well as the Engineer of Record, Construction Manager or VPRA personnel regarding this IFB until such time as a contract is awarded.

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All inquiries pertaining to this solicitation must be directed to the VRE Purchasing and Contract Administration Department.



# ORAL EXPLANATIONS OR INSTRUCTIONS

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No oral interpretation of this Invitation for Bids shall be considered binding.

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VRE shall be bound by information and statements only when such statements are written and executed under the authority of the Purchasing and Contract Administration Department.



# AVAILABILITY OF MEETING MATERIALS



Presentation & List of Participants  
to be posted on VRE's website-  
<https://www.vre.org/procurement/ifb-025-013/>



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# OVERVIEW OF PROCUREMENT SCHEDULE & REQUIREMENTS



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# PROCUREMENT SCHEDULE

- IFB Issued: June 27, 2025
- Optional Pre-Bid Meeting: July 8, 2025, at 10 a.m.
- Optional Site Visit: July 8, 2025, at 11 a.m.
- Submission of Written Questions: July 15, 2025, at 2 p.m.
- Bids Due (Closing Date & Time): August 7, 2025, by 2 p.m.
- Bid Opening: August 7, 2025, at 2 p.m.



# SUBMISSION OF WRITTEN QUESTIONS

- Deadline for submission of written questions is Tuesday, **July 15, 2025**, at **2:00 P.M. EST**
- All questions and requests for clarification regarding the meaning or interpretation of this IFB and other solicitation documents must be submitted to the VRE Contract Administrator and Director of Purchasing and Contract Administration in writing, via electronic mail.
  - E-mail addresses can be found on the face of the solicitation.
  - Questions must be submitted in Microsoft Word format and include the related section number and title, or plan sheet number and noted reference section and number, as appropriate.
- No oral communication will be accepted. VRE will not be bound by any oral communications, or written interpretations or clarifications that are not set forth in an addendum.
- Questions and responses will be posted on VRE's website at [www.vre.org](http://www.vre.org) and eVA- [www.eva.virginia.gov](http://www.eva.virginia.gov).



# NON-MANDATORY SITE VISIT



## Location

VRE Alexandria Station  
110 Callahan Drive  
Alexandria, VA 22301

## Date/Time

July 8, 2025 – 11:00 a.m.



# NON-MANDATORY SITE VISIT (CON'T)



The station platform at Alexandria is publicly accessible. However, Bidders are encouraged to attend the site visit in preparation of their Bids.



VRE is not obligated and at its sole option will not provide any other opportunities to any Bidders for site visits.



A Bidder's failure to inspect the site shall not excuse non-performance arising out of or based on site conditions.



# NON-MANDATORY SITE VISIT (CON'T)

- Safety and Security are critical to VRE's success. Bidders shall adhere to the following:
  - VRE personnel will conduct a safety briefing prior to entering the site
  - Wear PPE
    - Hard Soled Shoes with a defined heel and ankle support
    - Safety Vests
    - Safety Glasses
  - The site visit at the Alexandria Station will be in the vicinity of active railroad operations. At no time shall Bidders be permitted to access the railroad tracks or any adjacent railroad property



# SUBMISSION OF BID

- Bids are due on **Thursday, August 7, 2025, by 2:00 PM local time** at the address indicated in the solicitation.
- **Hard Copy or Electronic Bids:**
  - Bidders may submit Bids electronically utilizing the Commonwealth of Virginia's e-procurement portal (eVA) or in hardcopy format.
- Only one method of submission is required
  - **DO NOT** submit both a hard copy and electronic version of your bid.



# FORMAT OF BID FORM FOR HARDCOPY BIDS




- Bidders submitting hardcopy Bids shall provide one (1) signed original in a sealed package along with one (1) USB memory device, containing one (1) continuous electronic copy of the Bid package in PDF.
  - Bid Form must be included within the hardcopy **and** in its original Microsoft Excel format on a USB memory device. The structure of the Bid Form is protected and shall not be modified in any way.
  - The USB memory device shall be labeled appropriately with the IFB number and title, Bidder's name and date.



# IDENTIFICATION OF BID PACKAGE FOR HARD COPY SUBMISSIONS

- The “Bid Package” shall be ***clearly marked*** in a sealed package.


<b>BID IN RESPONSE TO:</b>	
	<b>IFB No.: 025-013 Title: Construction of the Alexandria Station Improvements and King Street and Commonwealth Avenue Bridge Replacement Project</b>
<b>Bid Due Date:</b>	
<b>Name of Bidder:</b>	
<b>Point of Contact:</b>	
<b>Email Address for Bidder’s Point of Contact:</b>	



# HAND DELIVERY OR MAILING OF HARDCOPY BIDS

✓ Bid Package shall be addressed and delivered to the following location:


 Kristin Nutter


 Director of Purchasing and Contract Administration

 Virginia Railway Express

 1500 King Street, Suite 202

 Alexandria, VA 22314

 It is the responsibility of the Bidder to assure that its Bid is delivered to the place designated for receipt of Bids on or before the day and time set for receipt of Bids.

 Bids will be time stamped by VRE's official time clock at the receptionist's desk in the foyer.



# ELECTRONIC BIDS

- In lieu of hardcopy submissions, Bidders may submit Bids electronically through the Commonwealth of Virginia's e-procurement portal (eVA). **To submit Bids electronically, Bidders must be registered in eVA- [www.eva.virginia.gov](http://www.eva.virginia.gov).**
- Bids can be submitted through eVA by:
  - Clicking on Business Opportunities, Virginia Business Opportunities (VBO).
  - Typing “Virginia Railway Express” into the Search Box.
  - Finding VRE IFB No. 025-013.
  - Clicking “View Opportunity” to select the solicitation.
  - Clicking “Respond Online” in the upper right corner of the screen.
  - Following the instructions provided online to submit a response.

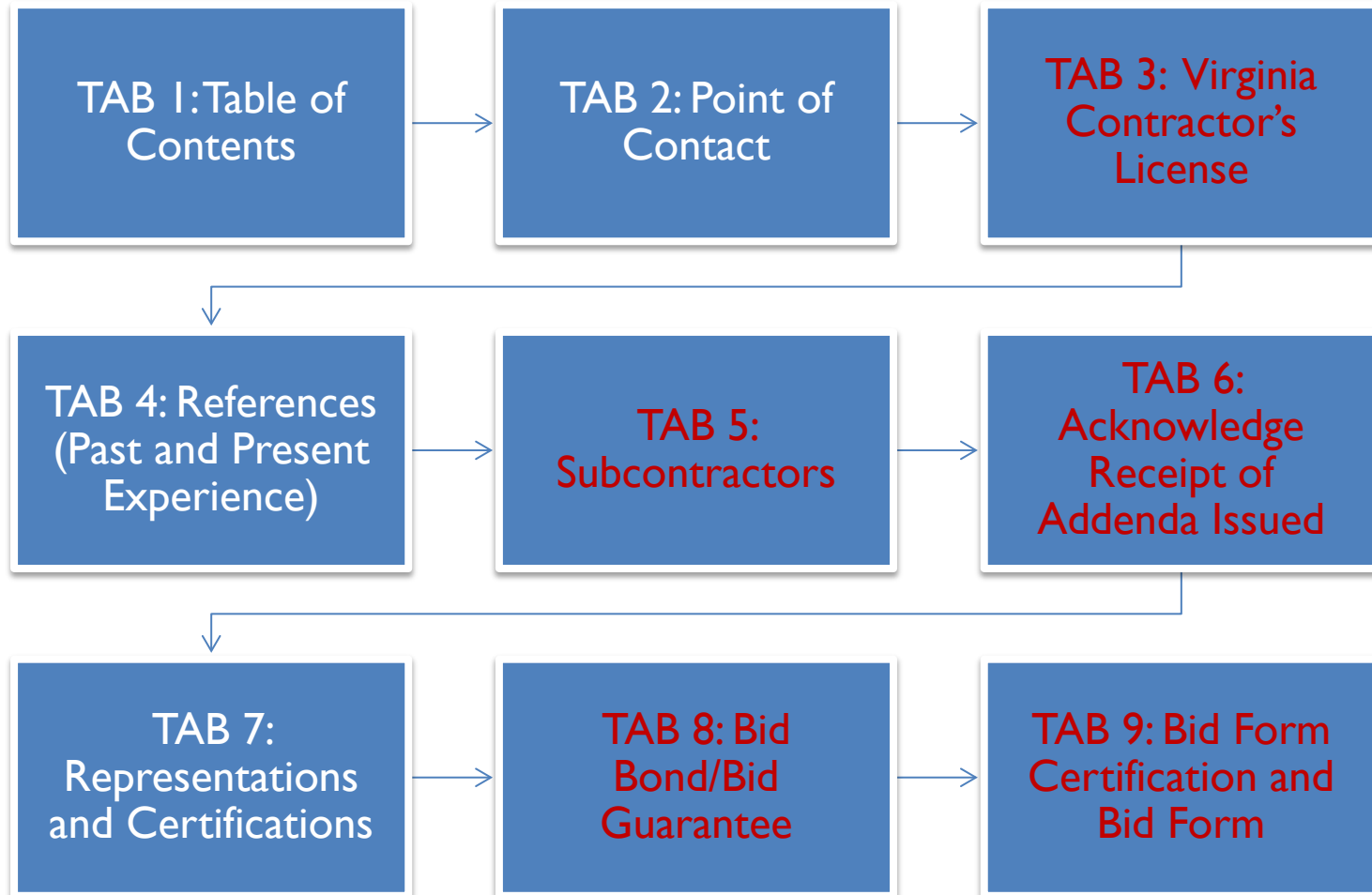


# ELECTRONIC BIDS (CON'T)

- Bidders must submit one (1) complete copy of their Bid, including all attachments and the Bid Form in Microsoft Excel format.
- The time an electronic Bid is received shall be determined by the time stamp on the Bid receipt by the time clock on the eVA Sourcing and Contracting website.
- Bidders requiring assistance submitting an electronic response, must contact eVA Customer Care via email at [eVACustomerCare@dgs.virginia.gov](mailto:eVACustomerCare@dgs.virginia.gov) or at 866-289-7367.
- VRE is not responsible for any technical difficulties which may result in Bidders' responses not uploading in time, or responses that are not properly uploaded. Late Bids will not be accepted. Conditional Bids may be rejected in whole or in part.
- Following the Bid Opening procedure, an Abstract of Bids, including the price/cost from all electronic and hardcopy Bids will be posted on VRE's website.



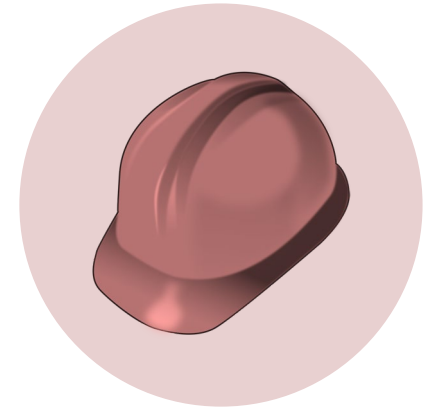
# OVERVIEW OF BID CONTENT



# OVERVIEW OF BID CONTENT (CON'T)

## **TAB 3: Virginia Contractor's License**

- The Contractor shall provide evidence of the appropriate license issued by the Commonwealth of Virginia to perform work on this Contract.
- Given the value of the work to be performed, the Bidder is required to be licensed as a “Class A Contractor.”



# OVERVIEW OF BID CONTENT (CON'T)

## TAB 5: Subcontractors

- Submit a list of Subcontractors indicating the type of work anticipated to be performed on the Contract; complete the – SUBCONTRACTORS FORM included in the Bid Form Certification (Section E).
- VRE is committed to an active effort to involve Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBE) in contracting opportunities and strongly encourages the utilization of DBEs.
- DBE Participation Goal is 14.7%  
(Attachment E – DBE Provisions & Forms)
  - Exhibits B and E must be submitted with your Bid.
  - Exhibit C, **if applicable**, must be submitted with your Bid.



# OVERVIEW OF BID CONTENT (CON'T)

## **TAB 6: Acknowledge Receipt of Addenda Issued**

- Any interpretation of a question made to VRE will be responded to and distributed in the form of an addendum to the IFB and will be available to all interested Bidders through VRE's website.
- It is the responsibility of prospective Bidders to monitor VRE's website for any addenda, notices or postings.
- Failure to submit signed addenda may be grounds to declare a Bid non-responsive.



# OVERVIEW OF BID CONTENT (CON'T)

## TAB 8: Bid Bond/Bid Guarantee

- Each Bidder shall furnish a Bid Bond/Guarantee of **five percent (5%) of the amount of the Bid**, which shall be a certified check, cashier's check, or a bid bond from a surety company selected by the Bidder
  - Bidders shall include a **copy** of the Bid Bond/Guarantee with their bid submission, whether electronic or hard copy. The apparent low Bidder must submit, within two (2) consecutive business days after bid opening and upon written request from VRE, an original bid bond/guarantee. ***Failure to submit the original bid bond may cause the Bid to be deemed non-responsive.***



# OVERVIEW OF BID CONTENT (CON'T)

## **TAB 9: Bid Form Certification and Bid Form**

- Sign and complete the information in **ATTACHMENT G- BID FORM CERTIFICATION** and **ATTACHMENT GI - BID FORM**.
- Bidders submitting hardcopy Bids must submit the Bid Form in **both** electronic and hard copy.
  - One signed original hard copy; and
  - The electronic copy of the Bid Form in its original Microsoft Excel Format on a USB memory device.
- The structure of the Bid Form is protected and shall not be modified in any way. Modified Bid Forms may be deemed non-conforming to the IFB. In the event of a discrepancy between the hard copy and the Microsoft Excel file on a USB memory device, the hard copy will take precedence.



# PREPARATION OF BID AND PUBLIC BID OPENING

- This IFB does not commit VRE to an award, nor to pay any costs associated with the preparation and/or submission of any Bid. VRE shall not reimburse any costs incurred by Bidders in responding to this IFB or in competing for Contract award.
- Bids will be publicly opened and read in the VRE conference room, at 1500 King Street, Suite 202, Alexandria, Virginia 22314 at **2:00 P.M. EST on Thursday, August 7, 2025.**
  - Individuals may attend the bid opening in person at VRE's office or participate via Microsoft Teams video conference.
    - The link to the Microsoft Teams video conference can be found in Section III-Instructions to Bidders of the IFB (page 14).



# BID EVALUATION AND AWARD PROCESS



Bids will be evaluated on the following basis:

- Total Bid Price;
- Responsiveness to the IFB requirements;
- Overall quality and completeness of the Bid; and
- Responsibility of the Bidder.



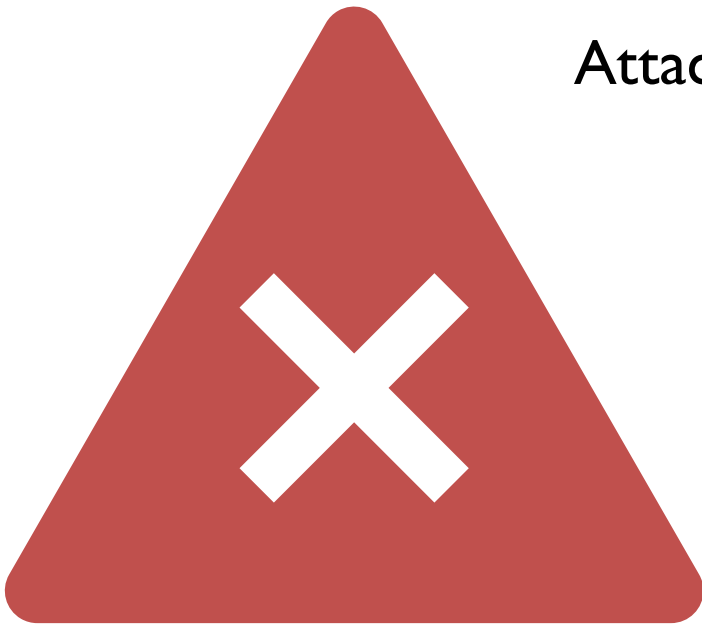
Following evaluation of Bids, VRE will make the award to the lowest responsible and responsive Bidder conforming to the solicitation requirements on a **TOTAL PRICE** basis.



# BUY AMERICA (BA) AND BUILD AMERICA, BUY AMERICA (BABA) ACTS REQUIREMENTS

Attachment C- Representation and Certifications  
BA & BABA Certification

**Failure to Sign this Form or Signing both the Certificate of Compliance and the Certificate of Non-Compliance will Disqualify the Bid.**



# CONTRACT ANTICIPATED



**Award:** The purpose of this Invitation for Bids (IFB) is to establish a Contract with one (1) qualified and experienced Contractor for the construction of Alexandria Station Improvements and King Street and Commonwealth Avenue Bridge Replacement Project.



**Type of Contract:** Firm-fixed-unit-price Contract.



**Contract Duration:** Seven hundred fifty-six (756) Consecutive Calendar Days from issuance of the Notice-to-Proceed (NTP).



# CONTRACT ANTICIPATED (CON'T)



**Insurance Requirements:** Part VII lists VRE and CSXT insurance requirements, which must be satisfied before awarding a Contract.



**Performance Bond:** Before the Contract is awarded, the Contractor is required to furnish a Performance Bond in the amount equal to 100% of the Contract.



**Payment Bond:** The Contractor who is selected to enter into a written Contract with VRE shall furnish a Payment Bond or Irrevocable Stand-by Letters of Credit. The Payment Bond shall be in the amount equal to one hundred percent (100%) of the Contract as guarantee for the payment to all persons who have and fulfill contracts, which are directly with the Contractor.

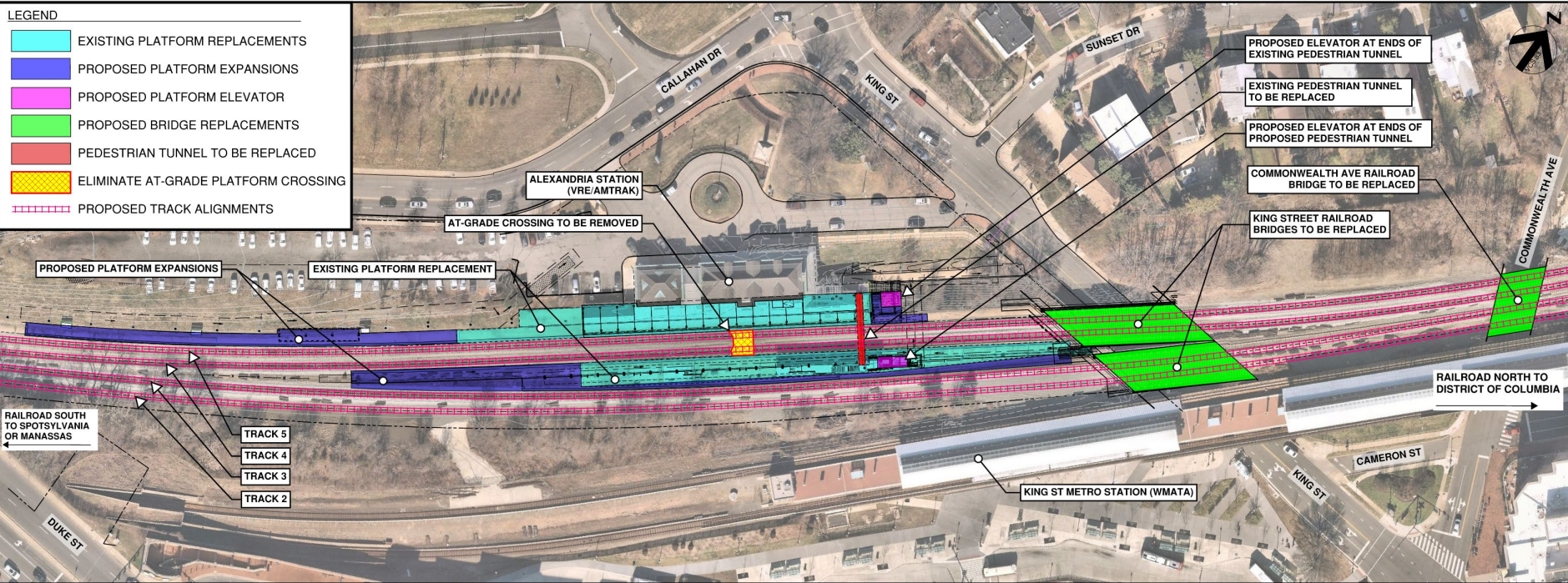


# **OVERVIEW OF THE PROJECT AND CONSTRUCTION SCOPE OF SERVICES**



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# PROJECT OVERVIEW



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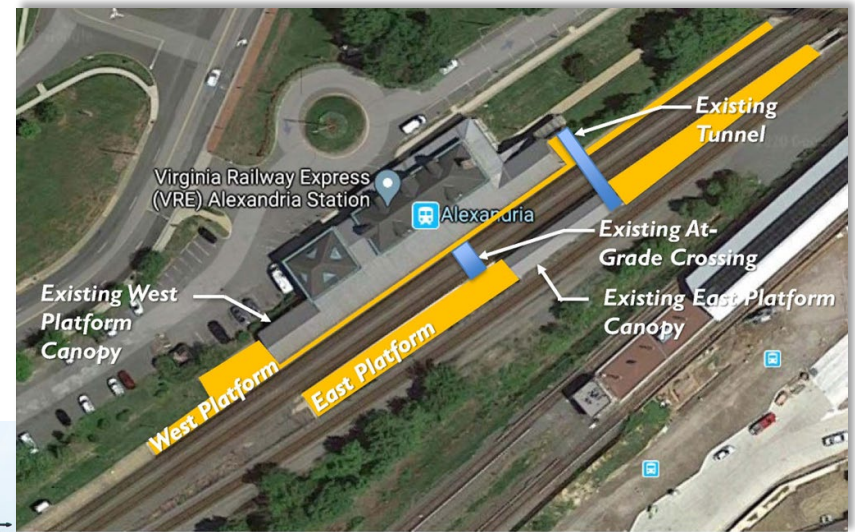
# ALEXANDRIA STATION IMPROVEMENTS

## ■ Purpose

- Remove At-Grade Crossing
- Improve Track / Platform Interface
- Improve Track | Boarding

## ■ Key Elements

- Reconstruct and lengthen both platforms
- Replace existing pedestrian tunnel
- Install new elevator at both ends of pedestrian tunnel
- Replace canopy on east platform



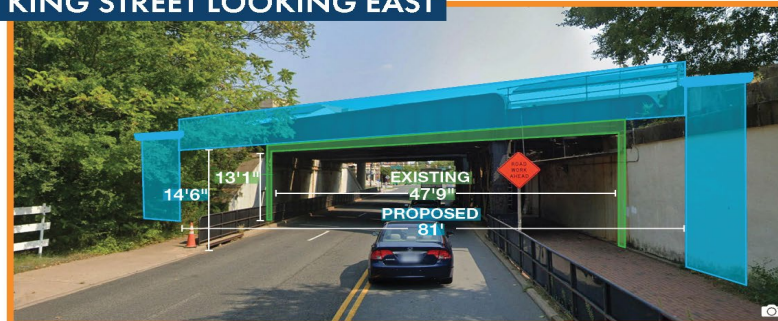
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# KING STREET AND COMMONWEALTH AVENUE BRIDGE REPLACEMENTS

## ■ Purpose

- Reduce Maintenance
- Minimize Service Interruptions
- Upgrades bridges to current standards

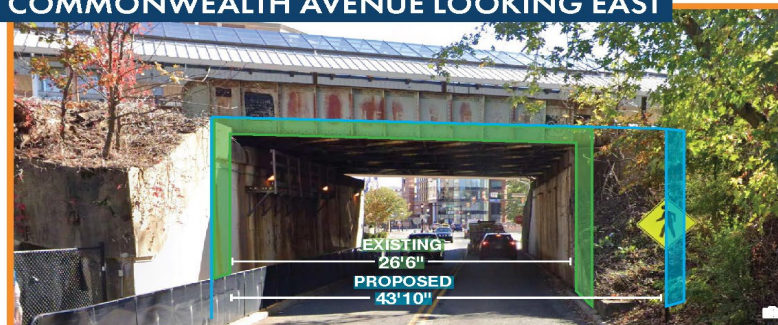
KING STREET LOOKING EAST



## ■ Key Elements

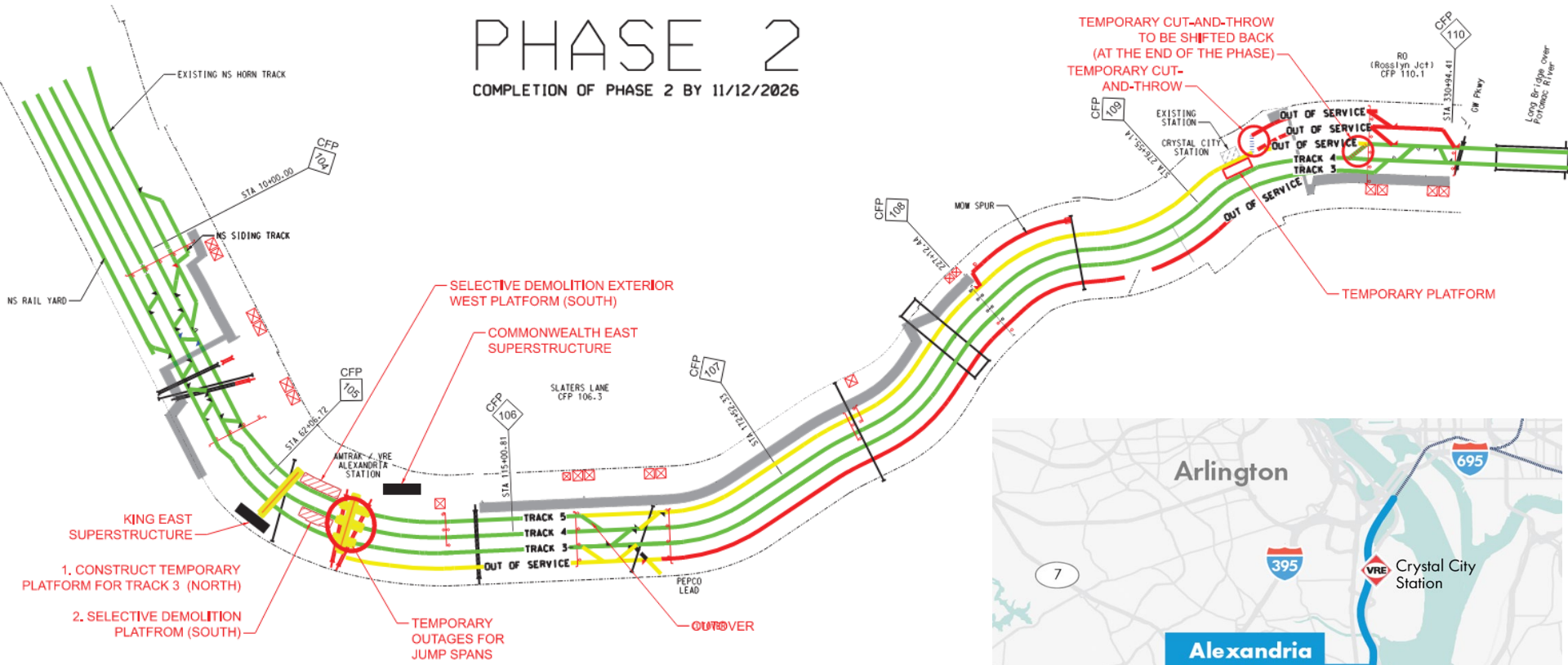
- 2 new single span ballast decked bridges
- King Street - 2 new abutments
- Commonwealth Avenue – 1 New Abutment, and 1 Repaired

COMMONWEALTH AVENUE LOOKING EAST

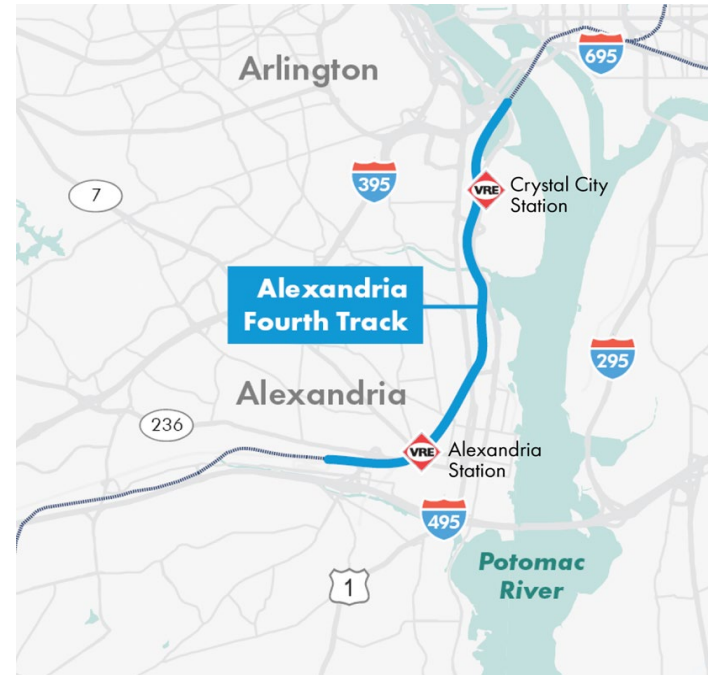


# RELATED PROJECTS

## PHASE 2 COMPLETION OF PHASE 2 BY 11/12/2026



- Alexandria Fourth Track
- VRE Crystal City Station



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# CORRIDOR PROJECTS



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# STAKEHOLDER COORDINATION

- CSXT
- VPRA
- City of Alexandria
- Amtrak
- WMATA



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## CONSTRUCTION IFB CONSIDERATIONS

1. Safety and Security
2. Operations Coordination
3. Logic of Pay Items
4. CSXT Restrictions and Requirements
5. Safety Manager & Quality Manager
6. Points of Access
7. Laydown
8. Technical Submittals
9. NTP / Preconstruction Submittals  
(Site Specific Safety Plan, Insurance, ROE, Utility location, etc.)



# ALEXANDRIA

## CONSTRUCTION IFB CONSIDERATIONS

*The Pay Items shown on the Plans shall include all labor, materials, and equipment to complete the Project as depicted. Whether explicitly noted or not, all work shall be assigned to a pay item and accounted for in the required Bid Form and Schedule of Values.*

*The Contractor shall submit a detailed Schedule of Values consistent with the pay items enumerated on the Plans for review and approval by VRE. More information regarding payment may be found in the Project Technical Specifications Section 01 29 00 – Payment Procedures. Requirements of the Schedule of Values can be found in subsection I.04.B.*

**Schedule of Values not required with Bids**



**QUESTIONS ?**



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